



## Scoop the Poop

Rain events can wash pet waste down storm drains where it will not be treated before entering Windham's water bodies. Pet waste contaminates water with harmful bacteria such as fecal coliform and E. coli making water bodies unsafe for recreational activities and uninhabitable for aquatic organism.

- Clean up after pets every time.
- Use plastic bags to pick up the waste.
- Do not leave pet waste on the lawn.
- Do not throw it in the woods or into drainage ditches.
- Bag it and trash it.

## Lawn Chemical Use

Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers can get blown into waterways, which can lead to algae growth and dead spots.

- The best time to use these products is in the fall (dry season).
- Don't use on hard surfaces.
- Use non water-soluble products.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

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# Town of Windham

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## Storm Water

Your home's wastewater goes through waste water treatment. Storm drains, however, discharge directly to Windham's lakes, streams, and ponds since they are designed to convey rain water. Therefore, we must do what we can to prevent contaminants from entering the drains. Pollution can be harmful to the aquatic habitat, organisms, and human contact.

## Car Washing

When you wash your car on your paved driveway, the excess water sheet flows to the nearest catch basin. The water then carries the soap chemicals, metals, oils, and other contaminants that are washed off your car directly into Windham's water bodies.

### What can you do?

- Wash your car on the lawn or gravel.
- If you wash the car on pavement, direct the water towards your lawn or other permeable surfaces and avoid drains.
- Use a biodegradable soap.

## Pool Draining

- First dechlorinate the water and bring the pH to neutral (6-8).
- Drain your swimming pool slowly.
- Drain onto lawn, to allow the soil to act as a natural filter.
- If you have a salt water pool, drain in increments and pour fresh water onto the lawn after draining.



## Maintain Septic System

Lack of maintenance can cause the leach field to flood or leak and contaminate ground water.

- Get septic system pumped regularly.
- High-pressure water jetting every 5 years can help eliminate solids and debris in the drain pipes.
- Use a bacteria additive.
- Clean or replace an effluent filter every time your septic system is serviced.
- Avoid planting near your drain field.
- Avoid parking cars over drain field.
- Dispose of cooking grease, coffee grounds, and fats in the trash, not the garbage disposal.
- Conserve water.
- Do no flush chemicals.